

Chats With Great Men of the Civil War

By Mrs. Gen. Pickett

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10—GEN. U. S. GRANT.

THE first time I saw Gen. Grant was through our headquarters field glasses from the Howlett House line on the James River, opposite Dutch Gap Canal. This line, across Swift Creek and Fort Clifton on the Appomattox, was held by Pickett's Division after the retaking of Bermuda Hundred, for which capture Gen. Lee sent to Gen. Pickett most complimentary acknowledgments. This was in the summer of 1864. Grant was standing on the slope across the waters peacefully smoking. Beside him were Mrs. Grant and his friend, Gen. Rufus Ingalls. My next memory of him was at the Pennsylvania station in Washington not long after he became President of the United States.

"Hello, Pickett!" he said. "Up to your old tricks, setting in ahead of the train" (referring to an old war story), as we came upon him sitting in the carriage at the depot.

"Yes, General. Mr. President, I beg your pardon—the Southern, which they tell me is usually behindhand, must have known that I was obeying the order of my Commander-in-Chief and came in beforehand," replied my Soldier.

"I wonder, Pickett, if that thrilled you to speaking it as it did me in hearing it; and, by George, I wish from my heart that you were back in the old Army."

"For want of something to say, after a reference to West Point, I remarked: 'All Presidents should have the West Point, as well as the political and collegiate training.'"

"Perhaps," he courteously replied, "but so far Gen. Taylor and I are the only ones who have been gained as soldiers. Neither of us, I believe, had been educated in politics. Taylor was an immense slaveholder, and that is one charge that my party could not bring against me as an excuse for not voting for me."

He told me afterward that it was not his ambition to be a soldier; that he had preferred any other occupation, and that when his father told him he had secured his appointment to the Military Academy he said:

"If you have, I shall not go."

"I think you will, sir," said my father. And after that look I thought so too.

"I don't think, however," Grant continued, "that I would have succeeded at anything else. I know I shouldn't as a merchant or tradesman. When I was about eight years old I was anxious for my father to buy me a horse that belonged to a neighbor. My father didn't think it was worth the \$25 the neighbor asked, but told me I might offer him twenty. If he would not take that I might offer twenty-two, and if he refused and I still wanted the horse I could give him his price. When the farmer asked me what my father said I told him word for word. Maybe you can guess how much I had to give for the horse. And if you know much about boys you know how much my life was worth when my schoolmates found out about my bargain."

Grant loved horses, and in the Academy was not only noted for his horsemanship but for making the highest leap known in the annals of West Point. He told me about his first experience in riding in public.

"It was at the circus," he said. "I got in by crawling under the tent. They had a trick mule and offered a dollar to any one who would ride him around the ring. The first time I tried, just as we got nearly around, he threw me over his head. I asked them to let me try again, and mounted with my face to the rear, catching hold of the mule's tail. He was so surprised and demoralized that he forgot to play his trick and took me peacefully on to the end. I carried off the dollar."

"I had a very distinct aspiration when I was in the Academy," President Grant said. "It was that sometime in the dim future I might hold a professorship there in mathematics."

The bitterness of the surrender of an army, unconquered in soul, though exhausted by starvation and crushed by overwhelming force, was softened by the tender chivalry of the rugged soldier and great-hearted man whose destiny had led to the dominant place in this impressive scene.

"But," said Gen. Grant, "the story that Gen. Lee offered me his sword and I refused it is pure fiction. The thought of side arms had never entered my mind until I was writing out the terms of surrender, when, providentially chancing to look up at him, I saw Gen. Lee glance down at the magnificent sword given him by the State of Virginia. It flashed upon me what an added break it would be to the great soldier to part from a weapon so sacred to him by sacred memories, and I immediately inserted the clause which reserved to the Confederate officers the right to retain their side-arms."

The tenderest memory I have of Grant, because it is the one object to my heart, is of him and Pickett as they stood facing each other in his office. The President, always faithful to his friends, was urging upon my Soldier, whom the war had made poor, the marshaling of the State of Virginia. The General, knowing that his acceptance of this appointment, solely as he needed it, would create for the President a host of enemies, said:

"You can't afford to do this for me, Sam; and I can't afford to take it."

"I can afford to do anything I please," returned the President.

"I shall never forget the look of gratitude in my Soldier's tear-dimmed eyes as he turned them upon the President, nor of Grant's look in return as they silently shook hands, walked off in different directions and looked out of separate windows, and I stole away."



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WESTERLY BOY IN COURT

Alexander Singerman Caused Trouble to Parents—Judge Lectures Bad Boy and Father—Fellowship Meeting Today—James E. Rothwell Dies in Nebraska—G. A. R. Men to Address School Pupils.

Alexander Singerman, son of Rabbi and Mrs. Herman Singerman, a teacher among the Hungarian Jews of this locality, who was brought to the police station Monday and was turned over to the authorities as an incorrigible boy, the father claiming that the youngster, who is fourteen years old today, was disobedient, ran away from home, did damage to property, and threatened bodily harm to his family. He was brought before Judge Oliver H. Williams Tuesday. Dr. Russell B. Smith and Dr. Michael H. Scanlon were summoned to examine the lad. It was learned after a lengthy examination that the boy had been a trial both to his parents and the teachers at the Pleasant street school, where he is a pupil, but it was also learned that young Singerman, who was considered by the school authorities a high grade feeble minded boy, was often made worse by his parents, who appeared at times to be over anxious to reprimand him. So it was last Sunday when the boy became angry when his mother reproved him for having been away for a part of the day, the father took up the matter after having dined a book that the young tyrant threw at him, and sought safety only by making his escape through an open window. He decided that he would take the youngster of uncontrollable temper to the police station and have him sent to the reform school, where he would have to mend his ways or suffer the consequences.

After a careful examination of the facts of the case the judge admonished the father that he should show discretion in correcting the boy if he would have him improve his behavior. After the boy had promised to conduct himself in such a manner that there would be no occasion for further complaint he was dismissed and allowed to return to his home, it being thought that this was best way to dispose of the case under the circumstances.

The fourth of the fellowship meetings of the Congregational churches of Southern Connecticut is to be held at the Congregational church on the West Side today. Rev. George B. Spaulding of Rocky Hill, Conn., formerly pastor of the Road church, will deliver the address of the forenoon, which will be followed by a dinner served by the ladies of the church in the parlors below. Are the churches Standing Together is the topic for discussion at the afternoon session, when Deacon B. F. Williams of Mystic will preside.

Jurors summoned from Westerly to serve at the February session of the Superior court, which meets at Kingston, next Monday, are: Grange, Orville G. Barber, William Minchen, James R. Johns, and Walter C. Hixcox; petit John Hughes, David W. Roche, James A. Saunders, William A. Clarke, Thomas E. Robinson, Reuben W. Austin, Thomas T. Saunders, George Montalto, and William H. Healey. The grand jury will meet on next Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock and the petit jury on Wednesday morning, February 13, at the same hour.

The quarterly meeting of the local societies of Christian Endeavorers, is to be held at the Congregational church Thursday evening, when Caleb Burdick, an instructor at East Greenwich academy, will deliver the address of the evening. Rev. John G. Dutton,

pastor of the Christian church, will lead the praise service at the opening of the meeting, which will be followed by the address of welcome by Rev. S. M. Calhoun of the enterprising church. A business session is to be held at the conclusion of the address by Mr. Justice.

Judge John W. Sweeney of this town who was last week elected a judge of the Superior court of Rhode Island, is preparing to vacate his suite of offices in the Brown building on High street at the end of this week. Clerk Clarence E. Roche of the Third District court, had desk room with Judge Sweeney ever since he was admitted to the bar, is to occupy the rooms formerly taken by the judge.

Notice has been received in town of the recent death of James H. Rothwell at Crelighton, Neb., at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Richard May at Kansas City, Mo., the 10th of last month. Mr. Rothwell, who spent his boyhood days at Ashaway, where his parents resided many years and his brothers and sisters lived until they reached maturity, had been in ill health of late and had hoped that a change to a milder climate might bring the desired results, but death came shortly after and he was taken back to his home in Nebraska for burial.

Ethan Wilcox, librarian emeritus of the Westerly public library, is to present a paper on Historic Spots in Westerly, old and new, which will no doubt be of unusual interest to those who are planning to be in attendance at the first regular meeting of the Westerly Historical society to be held at the Memorial building tomorrow evening at 7:45 o'clock.

Members of the Grand Army will speak at the several school houses of the town today, when the public schools will observe Lincoln's Birthday. The high school and the grammar schools have been given pamphlets issued by Walter E. Ranger, commissioner of the public schools of the state, which have the program that will be followed by the schools for the most part.

The exercises are to be held at the High school at 12 o'clock. Christopher Simmons, commander of Budlong Post, No. 48, G. A. R., will address the attention. The program will be given at the other schools in the afternoon, the speakers from the grand army at the several schools being John E. Brown at Elm street, Amos P. Chapman, Quarry Hill; Lorenzo D. Richmond, Park avenue; John E. Broyne, Chestnut; Paul H. Hill, Broad, Pleasant street; Erastus W. Barber, White Rock; James A. Sisson, Bradford; and Stephen Congdon, Dunn's Corners.

STONINGTON

Personal Tax Collector Posts Warning—Officers Installed by Ocean View Commandery.

William G. Ryan, the newly appointed collector of the personal tax for the town of Stonington has posted notices to the effect that the tax will be payable March 1.

Golden Cross Installation. The installation of Ocean View Commandery, United Order of the Golden Cross, was largely attended. The officers installed were: Commander, W. Fred Wilcox; vice commander, Mrs. Anna Wilbur; treasurer, William Staplin; worthy keeper of records, Mrs. Mary Dally; herald, Mrs. Jennie Clarke; prelate, Mrs. Sadie Bellamy; financial keeper to records, Mrs. Gracie Dunham; inside warden, Miss Lucetta Staplin; outside warden, Charles Burdick; most noble commander, Mrs. J. Addie Hyde. Refreshments were served and a social hour followed.

The warden and burgesses have granted permission to W. P. Bindloss to extend his property where improvements are being made into the harbor according to plans submitted.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Muller entertained Mrs. W. P. Lippincott of Madison over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Dixon of Hartford were recent callers on Mrs. L. B. Lathrop.

Brief State News

New Britain.—The latest city in Connecticut to consider the commission form of government is New Britain.

Stamford.—Local property owners think the increase of \$1,000,000 in the appraisal of property abutting the canal is excessive.

Norwalk.—The town has voted to ask the legislature to grant a bond issue of \$200,000 for the purpose of paying the cost of new school buildings.

Middletown.—Prof. C. T. Winchester's illness is not as serious as was reported. It will be some time, however, before he is able to meet his classes again.

Bristol.—Rev. Theodore R. Buessel, pastor of the Judd Street German Lutheran church, has received a call to become pastor of the German Lutheran church at Naugatuck.

Naugatuck.—Mrs. H. Waltemore and Miss Gertrude Whittemore of Church street left Monday for Hampton Terrace, S. C., where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

Ansonia.—Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Farrel, Jr., who have been living for the past two years in Ansonia, have moved into their new home on Prospect street, New Haven, which has just been completed.

New Haven.—Attorney David M. Rell, 23, has been appointed alderman-at-large to succeed Alderman Riley E. Phillips, Jr. Mayor Rice announced the appointment Monday. He was sworn in at once.

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Denies Asking T. R.'s Aid. Can so important a matter as the subway problem possibly be solved without it?—New York World.

A Dramatic Outlook.

Another argument in favor of spring is that it will take the baseball players off the stage.—Chicago News.

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